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QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE STORIES CONCERNING THE WARNINGS THE SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN TO SAKHAROV ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES?

ANSWER: WE HAVE LONG ADMIRED ANDREY SAKHAROV AS AN OUTSPOKEN CHAMPION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE IS, AS YOU KNOW, A PROMINENT, RESPECTED SCIENTIST, A NOBEL LAUREAT, WHO, AT CONSIDERABLE RISK, HAS WORKED TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN HIS NATIVE LAND.

ANY ATTEMPTS BY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO INTIMIDATE MR. SAKHAROV WILL NOT SILENCE LEGITIMATE CRITICISM IN THE SOVIET UNION AND WILL CONFLICT WITH ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL

STANDARDS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. VANCE

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